

## pH Meter Calibration (GeoTech & Orion) Standard Operating Procedure

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**Groundwater Monitoring** 

#### ConCal Two-Point Manual Calibration:

\*NOTE – During manual calibration, use temperature corrected pH buffer values.

- 1. Press the 'CAL' key until the ConCal display indicator is lit. 'ASY' will appear on the display.
- 2. Set the temperature of the buffers using the  $\bigcirc$  or  $\bigvee$  key.
- 3. Triple rinse electrode with distilled water.
- 4. Immerse the electrode into a neutral buffer (pH of solution between  $7.0 \pm 0.5$ ).
  - First buffer should be pH 7;
  - Second buffer should be pH 4.
- 5. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key, then use the corrected pH value of the buffer solution.
- 6. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key and the E<sub>O</sub> value will be displayed in mV.
- 7. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key again, 'SLO' should appear on display. Rinse the electrode and immerse into the second buffer.
- 8. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key, then use the corrected pH value of the buffer solution.
- 9. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key the slope will be displayed in mV/pH.
- 10. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key again the E<sub>O</sub> value will be displayed in mV.
- 11. Rinse electrode and immerse into sample solution, press the 'RUN/ENTER' key to start pH measurement.

#### ConCal one-Point Manual Calibration:

\*NOTE – One-point manual calibration uses the last stored slope in memory. Perform a two-point calibration to store the correct slope before one-point calibration.

- 1. Press the 'CAL' key until the ConCal display indicator is lit. 'ASY' will appear on the display.
- 2. Set the temperature of the buffer using the or key.
- 3. Immerse the electrode into the buffer (use pH 7 buffer for one point calibration).
- 4. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key, then use the or key to set the temperature corrected pH value of the buffer solution.
- 5. Press the 'RUN/ENTER' key and the E<sub>O</sub> value will be displayed in mV.

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6. Rinse electrode and immerse into the sample solution – press the pH/mV key to start pH measurement.

### **Benefit of Compliance to Instruction:**

- Provides quality assurance and quality control of field data
- Accurate field data is necessary in order to meet sampling protocol requirements

### **Consequence of Non-Compliance to Instruction:**

- Lack of calibration leads to inaccurate pH measurements
- Inaccurate data can mask significant pH changes, as well as water quality changes.
- Violation of sampling protocols invalidates data

Environmental Management System (EMS) –ISO 14001 PROCESS MAP #: N/A

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